Vanessa R. Waldref 1 United States Attorney 2 Eastern District of Washington 3 Stephanie Van Marter Assistant United States Attorney 4 Post Office Box 1494 5 Spokane, WA 99210-1494 U.S. DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 6 Telephone: (509) 353-2767 Mar 01, 2022 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SEAN F. MCAVOY, CLERK 8 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. 4:21-CR-6028-MKD 10 11 SECOND SUPERSEDING Plaintiff, INDICTMENT 12 13 Vios.: 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A) V. (ii), (vi), (viii), 846 14 Conspiracy to Distribute 50 JOSE MENDOZA-RUELAS, 15 Grams or More of Actual (Pure) OSCAR CHAVEZ-GARCIA, Methamphetamine, 400 Grams or 16 JOEL CHAVEZ DURAN, More of Fentanyl, and 5 17 Kilograms or More of Cocaine 18 (Count 1) 19 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), 20 (b)(1)(A)(viii) Distribution of 50 Grams or 21 More of Actual (Pure) 22 Methamphetamine 23 (Counts 2 and 4) 24 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C) Defendants. 25 Distribution of Fentanyl (Count 3) 26 27 28

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21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(vi) Distribution of 40 Grams or More of Fentanyl (Count 5)

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(vi), 18 U.S.C. § 2 Possession with the Intent to Distribute 40 Grams or more of Fentanyl (Count 6)

21 U.S.C. § 853 Forfeiture Allegations

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT 1

Beginning on a date unknown, but by November 2019, and continuing until on or about August 3, 2021, in the Eastern District of Washington and elsewhere, the Defendants, JOSE MENDOZA-RUELAS, OSCAR CHAVEZ-GARCIA, JOEL

CHAVEZ DURAN,

grand Jury, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together with each other to commit the following offense: distribution of 50 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine, 400 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide (a/k/a Fentanyl), and 5 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, all Schedule II controlled substances, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(ii), (vi), and (viii), 846.

COUNT 2

On or about May 18, 2021, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendant, JOSE MENDOZA-RUELAS, did knowingly and intentionally distribute 50 grams or more of actual (pure) Methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(viii).

COUNT 3

On or about May 18, 2021, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendant, JOSE MENDOZA-RUELAS, knowingly and intentionally distributed a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide (a/k/a Fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C).

COUNT 4

On or about June 8, 2021, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendant, JOSE MENDOZA-RUELAS, did knowingly and intentionally distribute 50 grams or more of actual (pure) Methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(viii).

COUNT 5

On or about June 29, 2021, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendant, JOSE MENDOZA-RUELAS, knowingly and intentionally distributed 40 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide (a/k/a Fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(vi).

COUNT 6

On or about July 21, 2021, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendant, JOEL CHAVEZ DURAN, knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a

detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide (a/k/a Fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(vi), and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

The allegations contained in this Second Superseding Indictment are hereby re-alleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures.

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, upon conviction of an offense of violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), as charged in Counts 1 – 6 of this Second Superseding Indictment, the Defendants, JOSE MENDOZA-RUELAS, OSCAR CHAVEZ-GARCIA JOEL CHAVEZ DURAN,

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forfeit to the United States of America any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such offense(s) and any property used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of the offense(s). The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to:

$\underline{Defendant\ JOSE\ MENDOZA\text{-}RUELAS}\ (Counts\ 1-5)$

- A Sundance Industries .25 caliber Auto pistol, Model A-25, serial number: 097311

<u>Defendant OSCAR CHAVEZ-GARCIA</u> (Count 1)

- \$161,669.00 U.S. currency;
- \$5,140.00 U.S. currency;
- a Colt 01070BSTS .45 caliber pistol, serial number: CV48283;
- a DTI-15, AR-15 Rifle, Caliber 5.56mm, serial number: DTI-S159723; and
- an Arsenal AK-47 Rifle, Model: SAM7UF, serial number: BA547063

1	If any forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the
2	Defendant(s):
3	(a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
4	(b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
5	(c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
6	(d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
7	(e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided
8 9	without difficulty,
10	the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property
11	pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p).
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13	DATED: thisday of March 2022.
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